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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) the number of herbal medicine research centres functioning in the country at present along with the number of the above engaged in empirical research, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government provides training for production, extraction, storage and marketing of herbs;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any special scheme has been formulated to promote research in the AYUSH sector particularly for the development of quality, effectiveness and capacity of ayurvedic products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the said purpose?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a): Under Ministry of AYUSH there are different Research Councils viz. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) who are looking after the research and development activities in the area of concerned system of medicines. Under these research councils there is a vast network of research institutions / centre / units in different parts of the country which are engaged in the area of Literary Research, Medicinal Plant Research, Drug Standardization (Phytochemical analysis) Research, Pharmacological Research and Clinical Research. The State / UT-wise details is at Annexure-I. Similarly, under the Central Sector Scheme for upgradation to Centres of Excellence (COE), total 10 herbal medicine research centre are functioning in the country at present. The state-wise details are at Annexure-II.
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In addition, some premier research institutions under Central Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) like Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow; Indian Institute for Integrative Medicines (IIIM), Jammu; Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur; National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow; North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), Jorhat and Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (DMAPR), Anand, Gujarat under Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) are also engaged in research on herbal / medicinal plants used in herbal medicines.
(b) & (c): Yes, from time to time, NMPB under its central sector scheme organize training programmes for cultivation / production, processing / extraction, storage and marketing of herbs / medicinal plants through its Facilitation Centers in different states. During 12th Five Year Plan a total of 32 such training programmes / workshops / Stakeholder meets were conducted through these Facilitation Centres. In addition, during the said period NMPB has also supported 58 projects in different states for conducting workshops / training / seminars etc. on various aspects of herbs / medicinal plants.
In addition, different State Agriculture Universities, research institutions / laboratories under Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) having technical expertise also organizes training programmes / workshop / seminar / cultivation / processing and marketing of herbs / medicinal plants and their related agro technologies, processing for value addition to enable their commercial exploitation of the knowhow so developed.
(d) & (e): There is a Extra Mural Research (EMR) Scheme of Ministry of AYUSH under which support is provided to public and private institutes which are competent to conduct research in the field of AYUSH sector. The major objective of this scheme is to develop evidence based support on the efficacy of AYUSH drugs and therapies, to encourage research on classical texts and investigate fundamental principles of AYUSH systems; to develop AYUSH products having Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) potential for increasing AYUSH exports. The total allocation under EMR Scheme during 2015-16 is Rs. 6.00 Crores.
In addition, as in-house activity, CCRAS also does quality analysis and standardization for the Ayurvedic products.